

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A composition comprising a mixture of:

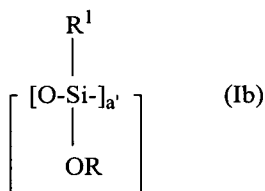
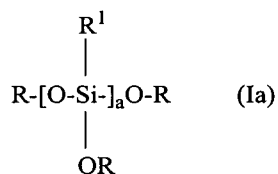
- a) a vinylalkoxysiloxane and an alkylalkoxysiloxane, or
- b) a vinylalkoxysiloxane and a phenylalkoxysiloxane, or
- c) a vinylalkoxysiloxane and a phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxane, or
- d) an acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxane and alkylalkoxysiloxane, or
- e) an acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxane and phenylalkoxysiloxane, or
- f) an acrylic or methacrylic alkoxysiloxane and phenyl/alkylalkoxysiloxane.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plasticizer, a processing aid, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~claim 1~~, which comprises from 0.1 to 100% by weight of a vinyl-, acrylic-, or methacrylic-functional alkoxysiloxane, based on all of the components present in the composition.

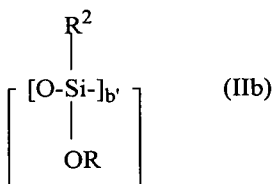
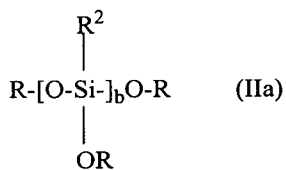
Claim 4 (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 0 to 80% by weight of the alkyl- or phenyl-functional alkoxysiloxane, based on all of the components present in the composition.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises at least one vinylalkoxysiloxane of the formula (Ia) or (Ib)



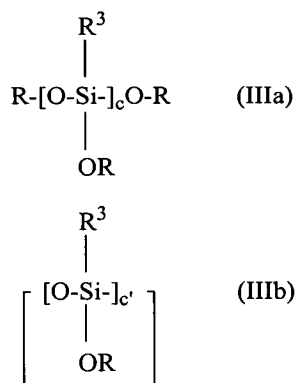
wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R^1 is a vinyl group, each of a and a' , independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 6 (Previously amended): The composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises at least one alkylalkoxysiloxane of the formula (IIa) or (IIb)



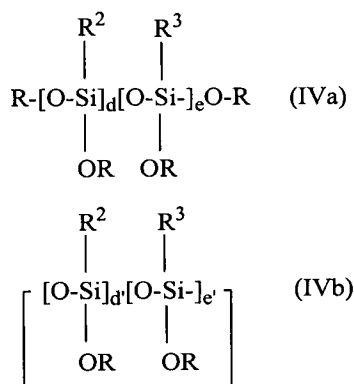
wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R^2 are identical or different, and each R^2 is a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, each of b and b' , independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises at least one phenylalkoxysiloxane of the formula (IIIa) or (IIIb)



wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R^3 is a phenyl group, each of c and c' , independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

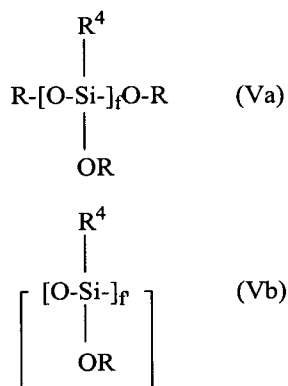
Claim 8 (Currently amended): The composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises at least one alkylphenylalkoxysiloxane of the formula (IVa) or (IVb)



wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R^2 are identical or different, each R^2 being a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, R^3 is a phenyl group, each of d, d' , e and e' , independently, is an integer from 1 to 35 and ~~wherein~~ wherein $1 < (d+e) < 50$ and 1

$<(d'+e')<50$, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises at least one acrylic or methacrylic alkoxy siloxane of the formula (Va) or (Vb)



wherein R are identical or different and R is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, 2-methoxyethyl, or hydrogen, R^4 are identical or different, and R^4 is an acrylic or methacrylic group, each of f and f', independently, is an integer from 2 to 50, where the siloxanes may be present in the form of linear, branched, or cyclic moieties.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, which has been applied to a carrier.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein said carrier is selected from the group consisting of a porous polymer, carbon black, wax, silica, and calcium silicate.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A method of coupling a filler with a peroxidically crosslinking rubber compound, said method comprising incorporating said composition as claimed in claim 1 and said filler in said rubber compound.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A filled and peroxidically crosslinking rubber compound which comprises said composition as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The rubber compound as claimed in claim 13, which comprises ethylene-propylene rubber, ethylene-propylene-diene rubber, styrene-butadiene rubber, natural rubber, acrylate copolymer rubber, acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber, polybutadiene rubber, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): The rubber compound as claimed in claim 13, which comprises a silicatic filler or an organic filler.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The rubber compound as claimed in claim 15, which comprises kaolin, silica, quartz, cristobalite, talc, montmorillonite, wollastonite, mica, calcium carbonate, chalk, dolomite, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, titanium dioxide, cellulose, flax, ~~sisal~~ sisal, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): An article comprising said rubber compound as claimed in claim 12.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): A rubber compound produced by incorporating said composition as claimed in claim 1 with a filler and a peroxidically crosslinking rubber compound.